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In re application of: Barstad et al.
 Application No.: 09/605,442
 Filed: June 28, 2000
 For: ELECTROLYTIC COPPER PLATING SOLUTIONS
 COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING SAME

Group No.: 1742
 Examiner: W. Nicholas

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RESPONSE UNDER
37 C.F.R. 1.116
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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

NOTE: Response to Final Rejection - Avoiding Extension Fees "In patent applications wherein a three month Shortened Statutory Period (SSP) is set for response to a Final Rejection, the response would best be filed within two months of the date of the Office Action. If filed within two months, any Advisory Action mailed after the SSP expires will reset the SSP to expire on the date of the Advisory Action for extension fee purposes, but never more than six months from the date of the Final Rejection." Notice of Nov. 30, 1990 (1122 O.G. 571 to 591).

STATUS

2. Applicant is

[] a small entity. A statement:
 other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: As to a Supplemental Amendment filed in response to a final office action, the Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35) states:

"If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run."

3. (complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) [] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
[]	one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
[]	two months	\$400.00	\$200.00
[]	three months	\$920.00	\$460.00
[]	four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00

Fee: \$ _____

If additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

[] An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of
 \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now
 requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

(b) [X] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently

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overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

					SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate		Addit. Fee OR	Rate	Addit. Fee		
Total	*	Minus	**	=	x \$11 =	\$	x \$22 =	\$	
Indep.	*	Minus	***	=	x \$41 =	\$	x \$82 =	\$	
[] First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$135 =	\$	+ \$270 =	\$	
					Total Addit. Fee	\$_____	OR	Total Addit. Fee	\$_____

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(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) No additional fee is required.

OR

(d) Total additional fee required is \$ _____.

FEE PAYMENT

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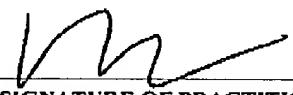
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authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the case. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, (1065 O.G. 31-33).

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 04-1105.

AND/OR

- If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 04-1105.



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Docket No. 50439-2

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Applicants are in receipt of and respond as follows to the Final Office Action dated July 9, 2003.

Claims 124-136 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Landau et al. (U.S. Patent 6,379,522).

Claims 137-153 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Landau et al. (U.S. Patent 6,379,522) in view of Dahms et al. (U.S. Patent 5,433,840).

For the sake of brevity, the two rejections are addressed in combination. Such a combined response is considered appropriate because, *inter alia*, each of the rejections relies on the Landau et al. as the sole or primary citation.

While Applicants disagree with the rejections, including for reasons set forth in Applicants' prior response, submitted herewith is a Rule 131 Declaration which effectively antedates the Landau et al. citation.

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The enclosed Declaration (in several copies) includes signatures of each of the co-inventors, except for Robert Schetty. For that co-inventor, enclosed is the Declaration of the undersigned attorney which indicates that Robert Schetty has refused to sign or is otherwise unavailable; see MPEP Section 715.04.

At page 3, last paragraph of the Final Office Action, a statement is made regarding Applicants possible acquiescing to arguments.

To clarify matters, Applicants strongly disagree with that position and do not acquiesce to any such arguments.

Indeed, as detailed in Applicants' prior responses and supported by literature references, it would not have been routine or somehow obvious to copper plate semiconductor microchip wafers as Applicants disclose and claim in the present application. Unique technical difficulties are faced copper plating semiconductor microchip wafers.

In view thereof, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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